

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-7 and 19-21 (renumbered 1-10) are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Fujiki (US 5,438,094) and Tsuji (EP 764702) recognize the known use of adhesives comprising an organopolysiloxane, an organohydrogenpolysiloxane, a platinum group metal catalyst, and an inorganic filler. More particularly, the references teach the use of a wide variety of known fillers, such as carbon black, silica, and aluminum oxide. While the references fail to expressly suggest the use of aluminum hydroxide, the disclosed inorganic fillers are exemplary and it is well recognized that metal oxides and metal hydroxides are conventionally disclosed in an alternative manner, as shown for example by Ichikawa. However, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would not have found it obvious to use the specific combination of silica and aluminum hydroxide, wherein silica is included at a loading between 14.1 and 15.6 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the all the additional components and aluminum hydroxide is included at a loading between 21.3 and 37.2 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of said organopolysiloxane results in adhesive have elongation of break of at least 1000 percent).

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Justin R. Fischer** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1215**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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